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# 3 GERMAN CRUISERS SUNK

French Fleet in Mediterranean Scores Decisive Victory; Belgians Repulse Kaiser's Army

## RUSSIA COMMANDS BLACK SEA BASE; ENGLAND TO BLOCK NORTH SEA PORTS

President Wilson offered the warring powers his good offices as peacemaker.

Reports of a naval engagement off the Scottish coast have been declared untrue by the British government.

The German cable was cut today between Europe and the Azores.

Preparations of the British navy were completed today and it was announced the government would acquire foreign warships under construction in Great Britain.

King George called for volunteers for the army.

The British public showed some anxiety about food supplies, which brought reassuring statements from the government. A scheme of control is to be introduced to regulate prices.

The German ambassador had not left London today.

German troops are reported to have entered Dutch and Swiss territory.

Russian warships have captured a number of German merchant vessels in the Black sea which is now isolated owing to the closing of the Dardanelles and Bosphorus by Turkey.

Russian troops were today in contact with the German army along the whole Russo-German border. While French and Germans touched on the French frontier.

London detectives arrested a number of Germans who are alleged to have been in possession of rifles and bombs.

A dispatch from Algiers through London said authentic confirmation of the destruction or capture of three German cruisers by the French fleet in the Mediterranean had been received there.

The French authorities announced that 17 Alsatians desirous of reaching France from Germany were shot by Germans.

The Belgian government announces the advance through Belgium of the seventh and tenth German army corps.

The German fleet in the far east is said to have sailed from Tsing-Tau.

An embargo was placed by Germany on Russian funds in German banks.

The Japanese premier declared that no Japanese fleet or army would be sent to Europe but great activity in the Japanese navy was noticed after the declaration of war between Germany and England.

### MILLIONS OF MEN ARE READY TO FIRE

London, Aug. 5.—Although five of the great European powers—Austria, England, France, Germany and Russia—are at war and millions of men on land and sea are under arms and ready to strike, developments of prime importance were few today.

The cutting of the German telegraph and telephone connections and the severance of the German trans-Atlantic cable virtually cut off Germany from communications with other countries.

Reports from France, Belgium, Holland and Russia showed that Germany's armies were steadily moving forward east and west and that her advance posts were in contact with the opposing Russian and French armies.

In England preparations were rapidly completed for naval activities after the declaration of war last night, but the authorities would not permit any leakage of news as to military or naval movements.

Several German steamships in British waters, including the Belgian, with 75 German reservists and quantity of foodstuffs on board were declared prizes of war.

The Maria Leonhardt in the Thames suffered a similar fate.

The British government today commanded the horses belonging to express companies and big department stores, thus causing almost a suspension of business.

### ALGERIAN SEAPORT IS BOMBARDED BY GERMANS

Paris, Aug. 5.—It is officially confirmed today that the German cruiser Breslau bombarded Bona, a fortified seaport town in Algeria. The cruiser fired sixty shots, to which the port batteries replied. Details of the fight are lacking. Later the Breslau sailed in the direction of Gibraltar and is supposed to have been captured by the British fleet which is guarding the straits. It is reported from Cadiz that French torpedo boat destroyers captured two large German sailing ships.

### NORTH GERMAN LLOYD STEAMSHIP IS WAR VESSEL

Shanghai, Aug. 5.—Guns were mounted today on the North German Lloyd steamship Prinz Eitel Friederich at Tsing-Tau.

The far eastern squadron of the German fleet, accompanied by a number of merchantmen, left Tsing-Tau today and it was reported that the warships were proceeding northward.

Large numbers of Chinese coolies have been forced to work under

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Copenhagen, Aug. 5.—A German torpedo boat destroyer was sunk today near Gedser lightship off South Gedser by the explosion of one of her boilers. Thirty men were drowned. A few of the crew were saved and taken aboard the lightship.

Algiers, via London, Aug. 5.—Authentic confirmation of the report of the destruction of the German cruiser Panther and of the capture of the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau reached here today.

London, Aug. 5.—The Germans have violated Dutch territory at Tilburg. It is reported that German troops met with resistance after crossing the river Meuse at Eysden, Belgium.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Diplomatic dispatches indicate Sweden will join Great Britain, France and Russia if she finds herself unable to remain neutral.

Brussels, Aug. 5.—German troops have crossed the Belgian frontier at three points—at Dalhem, seven miles north of Liege, and Framervamps and Savelot, both about 25 miles to the southeast of Liege.

A fight is believed to be in progress between the Belgians and Germans for the possession of Fleron, six miles from Liege.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 5.—The big black eagle above the door of the German consulate was torn from its supports today by a crowd of men who invaded the block and made for the consulate with threats of destruction.

Brussels, Aug. 5.—The Belgian minister of war announces that the fortifications of Liege and the vicinity are firing vigorously at the German troops.

Dover, England, Aug. 5.—A British warship seized the German bark Perko, which left New York July 18 for Hamburg.

Dover, England, Aug. 5.—The German steamer Franz Horn, from Curacao July 11 for Stein, on entering port this afternoon reported that firing was audible in many directions but could give no definite information.

London, Aug. 5.—Premier Asquith today announced that the British government would ask another credit of \$500,000,000 tomorrow. It was officially stated today that Vic Morley and John Burns have resigned from the cabinet.

New York, Aug. 5.—Direct cable communication with Germany was stopped today.

The German Atlantic cables from New York to Emden via the Azores were cut about 10:30 a. m. at some point east of the Azores, possibly by British warships.

The Commercial Cable company, which operates the American end of this line, made the announcement of the cutting yesterday and refused to accept any messages for Germany. It was denied that the lines had been cut by British warships on this side of the Atlantic. The cable was working, according to announcement, as far as the Azores.

Charles C. Adams, second vice president of the Commercial Cable company, said there was no trouble with the regular Commercial Cable company's lines, which run from New York to Nova Scotia and thence to points in the English coast.

Communication with England over these lines was still being maintained. No hope was held out, however, for any immediate restoration of communication with Germany over the direct lines.

The cutting of the German cable between Emden and the Azores virtually completes the isolation of Germany from communication with the outside world except in so far as messages may be exchanged by wireless.

All direct communication with the United States is severed and hereafter all news of happenings in Germany will have to filter through hostile countries—Russia on the east, France on the west and England on the north.

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## PRESIDENT WILSON OFFERS TO HELP WORLD POWERS HALT STUPENDOUS WAR

President Wilson, urging an acceptance of the offer of good offices.

The proffer of good offices was forwarded by Secretary Bryan to the American embassies in the nations involved and through them transmitted to the governments.

It was said at the White House that no intimations had been received that such an offer would be favorably received. President Wilson took the position that the European war was so stupendous and that its effect on the entire world was liable to be so lasting that the United States, as one of the few large neutral powers, could not do otherwise than at least offer to be the means for bringing about peace.

The proffer of good offices was not sent to the governments of Serbia and Montenegro, because those countries are not parties to the Hague convention.

A hope that the president's offer might be accepted was prevalent in official circles because it is not necessary for any of the warring powers to change the present military status if they accept it.

Article 7 of The Hague convention

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### Congress Hastens to Rescue of Americans Stranded Abroad

Two and half millions appropriated for relief of citizens in European war zone; warships to carry gold across ocean; many wealthy homecomers take passage in steerage.

Washington, Aug. 5.—It was announced at the navy department to day that the sailing of the armored cruiser Tennessee for Europe with gold for the relief of Americans had been postponed until tomorrow morning in order to complete all of the necessary arrangements. The armored cruiser North Carolina will accompany the Tennessee.

A bill appropriating \$2,500,000 for which President Wilson asked in a special message was brought into the house for passage under suspension of rule and exclusion of all other business.

It contained authority for use of army and navy facilities and chartering of ships. Secretaries Bryan and McAdoo told the appropriation committee it was the plan to first utilize neutral lines, then charter ships, and

use army and navy transports as a last resort.

The house promptly passed the \$2,500,000 appropriation and within a few minutes the senate passed it also and it went to the White House.

Secretary Garrison announced after a conference with the president that his present plan for getting Americans out of the war zone was to have the nations involved to designate a port from which they can be removed to get permission to have them taken to Italy, Spain or some other neutral country where the United States would call for them.

Mr. Garrison said that he had no doubt foreign governments would make such arrangements.

Mr. Garrison has located thirty-nine available ocean-going vessels sailing under the American flag. He is arranging to send food to American sailors in the war zone.

THIRTY THOUSAND AMERICANS ANXIOUS TO COME HOME

Paris, Aug. 5.—Myron T. Herrick, United States ambassador in Paris, has cabled to the war department in Washington for permission for Major Spencer Cosby, Major Morton J. Henry, Captain Frank Parker, Captain Francis H. Pope, Lieutenant B. (Continued on Page Two.)